

elections could be held in those parts of the

country occupied by the French, nor was it

any easier matter to convene the transmarine

representatives. The consequence was that

substitutes were nominated, and, here, of course,

representation failed. It was accordingly or-

derained that the imperfect Cortes should pick

out twenty-three persons to represent the

places held by the French and thirty for the

Indians. A power was then vested in the Pres-

ident of the Council of Regency, to cite before

himself and the returning judges such natives

emigrants from the provinces occupied by the

French, as might happen to be seigniorial

in La Isla and Cadiz, who were to prepare

in a prescribed proportion; and where

any native Americans or Indians could be

found, they were to be sent to a special

Cortes; and those transmarine deputies who

arrived afterwards were to be blended with

the rest. In the *Guia Politica de las Espanas*

the Cortes is equated to the Cortes of the

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natural that the King should eagerly desire

to visit a city immortalized by his heroic de-

fence. He then proceeded to Valencia, where

was met by the Cortes. The President, and

suspicious were soon awakened of his de-

signing a counter-revolution. The SEVILLAS

all ranks there paid him their homage, and

infamed the prejudices Napoleon had already

excited in his mind. There he received an ad-

dress, called by the Spaniards writers the "ad-

dress of the Persians," signed by sixty-nine

members of the Cortes, and drawn up by Ber-

narros. It was afterwards created Marquis of

Matagorda.

On the 19th February, the Cortes addressed

a manifesto to the Spanish people, in which

they made use of the following language:

"Can the father of his people on seeing

himself redeemed by their inimitable constan-

cy, wish to return home surrounded by the

butchers of his nation, the perjurers who have

excited in his mind the hope of their own

brothers, and covering them under his royal

mantle in order to shield them from national

justice—can he wish that such a shield should

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